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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, BGEN, PFOR, GH

SUBJECT: UNION CARBIDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG

REF: ACCRA 7593

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BARTLETT FROM GEOGHAN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: NO STRONG OBJECTION IDUN PROPOSAL FOR
REPLY TURKSON BUT SUGGEST HE CONSIDER STRONGER REPLY
TO EFFECT THAT: 1) AS STATED IN AMC WRIT, AMC CONSIDERS
THE REVISION TO TAX ASSESSMENT AND THE DEPOSIT REQUIRE-
MENT AS AN UNREASONABLE AND CAPRICIOUS EXERCISE OF THE
DISCRETION VESTED IN THE COMMISSIONER BY STATUTE; 2)
UNTIL ISSUES RAISED BY WRIT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, THE
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE COMMISSIONER SHOULD
BE SUSPENDED; AND 3) AS THE COMMISSIONER WELL KNOWS, AMC'S
TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS DO NOT APPROACH THE AMOUNT SOUGHT AS
DEPOSIT. FURTHER, AMC WILL CONTINUE TO VIGOROUSLY
CONTENTEND THAT THE REVISION TO TAX ASSESSMENT INCORPORATING
THE TOTALLY UNREASONABLE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT IS DESIGNED
EITHER TO COERCE AMC TO ACCEPT INEQUITABLE PROPOSALS
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FOR GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN ITS OPERATIONS OR TO

FORCE LIQUIDATION OF THE COMPANY AND ABANDONMENT OF ITS
ASSETS IN GHANA.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE IDUN'S VIEWS ON FOREGOING AND HIS
CONSIDERING WHETHER THIS COULD ADVERSELY EFFECT REACTION

TO RECENT SNEATH LETTER. WILL BE IN OFFICE 2 JANUARY,
BUT STATE DEPARTMENT CAN REACH ME EARLIER IF NECESSARY.
REGARDS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. END TEXT

4. DURING FORTHCOMING WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY ANY CABLES
FOR GEOGHAN SHOULD BE CAPTIONED FOR AF DUTY OFFICER
WITHNOTE TO CALL GEOGHAN AT 212-428-9329. KISSINGER

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